

RANDOM POLYNOMIALS  
AND  
EXPECTED COMPLEXITY OF REAL SOLVING

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# Outline

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# Univariate Real Solving

## Problem

Given  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  such that

$$A = a_d X^d + \cdots + a_1 X + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$$

where

$$\mathbf{d} = \deg(A) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{H}(A) = \max_{0 \leq i \leq d} \{\lg |a_i|\} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

Compute isolating intervals for the real roots.

## Example

Let

$$f = x^5 - 7x^4 + 22x^3 - 4x^2 - 48x + 36 = (x - 1) \cdot (x^2 - 6x + 18) \cdot (x^2 - 2)$$

real roots	$-\sqrt{2}$	1	$+\sqrt{2}$
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output	$(-49, 0)$	$(\frac{49}{64}, \frac{147}{128})$	$(\frac{147}{128}, 49)$
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# How hard is the problem?

## Definition (Separation bound)

$$\Delta = \text{sep}(A) = \min_{i \neq j} |\gamma_i - \gamma_j| \sim 2^{-d\tau} = 2^{-s}$$

## Example

Consider the Wilkinson polynomial

$$A = (x - 1)(x - 2) \cdots (x - 20)$$

$$\Delta \sim 10^{-344}$$

actual  $\text{sep}(A) = 1$

# Experimental motivation

		300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000
L	CF	9.14	25.27	55.86	110.13	214.99	407.09	774.22	1376.34
	#roots	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000
C1	CF	3.16	8.61	19.67	38.23	77.75	139.18	247.11	414.51
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W	CF	2.54	6.09	12.07	21.43	34.52	53.35	81.88	120.21
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R1	CF	0.07	0.33	0.06	0.37	0.66	0.76	1.03	1.77
	#roots	2	6	2	4	4	2	4	4

(Emiris, T.; 2007)

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# Subdivision solvers

## General strategy

- Compute an interval containing all the real roots
- Subdivide the interval until is certified that contains 0 or 1 real roots

Subdivision solvers  $\sim$  Binary search

Two main categories:

- ☞ Sturm (-Habicht)
- ☞ Descartes' rule of sign

## Theorem

Using STURM, we isolate the real roots of  $A$  with worst-case complexity

$$\tilde{O}_B(r d^2 (s^2 + \tau s)),$$

where  $r$  is the number of real roots.

## The history of (expected) complexity bounds

	CF	STURM	DESCARTES	BERNSTEIN
< 1980	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(2^\tau)$ (Uspensky;1948)	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^7 \tau^3)$ (Heidel;1971)	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^6 \tau^2)$ (Collins,Akritas;1976)	(L,R;81)
< 2005	$\mathcal{O}_B(d^5 \tau^3)$ (Akritas;1980)	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^6 \tau^3)$ (Davenport;1988)	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^5 \tau^2)$ (Krandick;95,Johnson;98)	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^6 \tau^3)$ (MVY;2004)
$\leq 2006$	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^4 \tau^2)$ (Emiris,T.;2006)	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^4 \tau^2)$ (Du,Sharma,Yap;2005) (Emiris,Mourrain,T.;2006)	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^4 \tau^2)$ (Eigenwillig,Sharma,Yap;06)	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^4 \tau^2)$ (ESY;2006) (EMT;2006)
2006+	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^3 \tau)$ (E.T.; 09) $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^5 \tau^2)$ (S;08) $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^4 \tau^2)$ (M,R;09)	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(r d^2 \tau)$ (Emiris,Galligo,T.;10)		

Numerical bound  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^3 \tau)$  (Pan; 2001)

# $SO(2)$ polynomials

## Definition

$$A = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i x^i \quad a_i \text{ i.i.d Gaussians with } N(0, \binom{d}{i})$$

$$A = \sum_{i=0}^d \sqrt{\binom{d}{i}} a_i x^i \quad a_i \text{ i.i.d Gaussians with } N(0, 1)$$

(Edelman-Kostlan;95)

“the more natural definition of a random polynomial...”

## Expected number of real roots

$$\rho(t) = \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\pi(1+t^2)} \quad (\text{density of real roots})$$

$$r = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \rho(t) dt = \sqrt{d} \quad (\text{Edelman,Kostlan;1995})$$

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## Lemma (Bleher,Di;1997)

As  $d \rightarrow \infty$  the limit 2-point correlation of  $\zeta_j$ , when  $s_1 - s_2 \rightarrow 0$ , is

$$k(s_1, s_2) \rightarrow \pi^2 |s_1 - s_2| / 4$$

A **joint pdf** of two  $\zeta_j$ .

# Computations with the joint pdf

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr[\Delta(\zeta) \leq l] &\rightarrow \int_Z k(s_1, s_2) ds_1 ds_2 \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{2\sqrt{d}} ds_1 \int_{s_1}^{s_1+l} k(s_1, s_2) ds_2 \\
 &= \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_0^{2\sqrt{d}} ds_1 \int_{s_1}^{s_1+l} |s_1 - s_2| ds_2 = \frac{\pi^2 \sqrt{d}}{2} l^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\Delta(\zeta)] \geq l \Pr[\Delta(\zeta) \geq l] = l - l \Pr[\Delta(\zeta) < l] > l - \frac{\pi^2 \sqrt{d}}{2} l^3$$

Remember

$$\alpha_j = \mathcal{P}^{-1}(\zeta_j)$$

# Divide the world to two parts

- $\Delta \leq l = 1/(d^c \tau)$ 
  - worst case bound for isolation,  $\tilde{O}_B(d^4 \tau^2)$ .
  - Occurs  $\Pr[\Delta \leq l] = \sqrt{d} l^2 = \frac{1}{d^{2c-1/2} \tau^2}$ ,
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$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B \left( \left(1 - \frac{1}{d^{2c-1/2} \tau^2}\right) \cdot r d^2 \tau + \frac{1}{d^{2c-1/2} \tau^2} \cdot d^4 \tau^2 \right) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(r d^2 \tau)$$



## Weyl polynomials (Ginibre random matrices)

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- Density (Schehr,Majumdar;2008)

$$\rho(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{1 + \frac{t^{2d}(t^2 - d - 1)}{e^{t^2} \Gamma(n+1, t)} - \frac{t^{4d+2}}{(e^{t^2} \Gamma(n+1, t))^2}} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^{-1}, & |t| \ll \sqrt{d} \\ \frac{d}{\pi t^2}, & |t| \gg \sqrt{d} \end{cases}$$

- Real roots (Schehr,Majumdar;2008)

$$r = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \rho(t) dt \sim \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{d}$$

- Limit 2-point correlation of straightened zeros

$$w(s_1, s_2) \rightarrow |s_1 - s_2| / (4\pi)$$

## Theorem

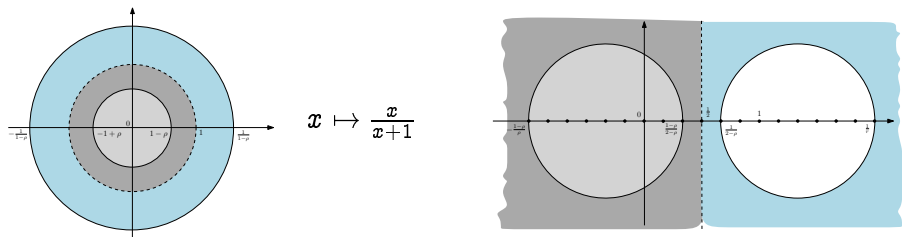
For  $SO(2)$  and Weyl random polynomials  
the expected complexity of STURM is

$$\tilde{O}_B(r d^2 \tau)$$

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## Random polynomials



(equi-)distribution of the roots (Erdos,Turán;1950), (Hughes,Nikeghbali;2004)

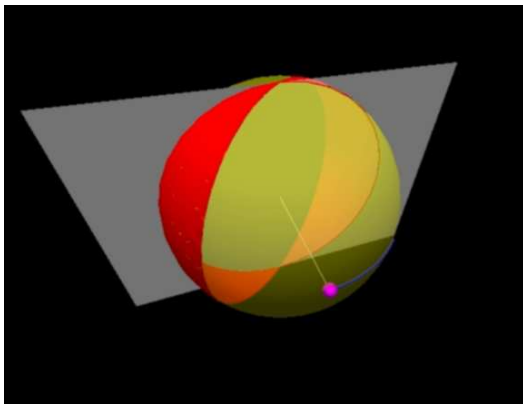
$\mathbf{E}[\#\text{real roots}]$

monomial  $\frac{2}{\pi} \log(d) + o(1)$   $N(0, 1)$  (Kac;1943) (Edelman,Kostlan;1995)

Bernstein  $\sqrt{d}$   $N(0, d^d)$  (Dedieu,Armentano;2009)

Bernstein  $\sqrt{2d} \pm \mathcal{O}(1)$   $N(0, d)$

# Integral Geometry



$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x} = (a_2, a_1, a_0) \cdot (x^2, x, 1) = \sum_{i=0}^{d=2} a_i x^i = 0$$

#(real roots)  $\sim$  area  $\sim$  length of the curve

(Edelman, Kostlan; 1995)

Images and video by (George Koulieris; 2009)

# Change the polynomial

The coefficients  $b_k$  are standard normal r.v.

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Put  $S \leq \sqrt{d}$  in the variance

## The curve and some tricks

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## The trick

$$\sum_{k=0}^d \binom{2d}{2k} z^{2k} = \frac{1}{2}(1+z)^{2d} + \frac{1}{2}(1-z)^{2d}$$

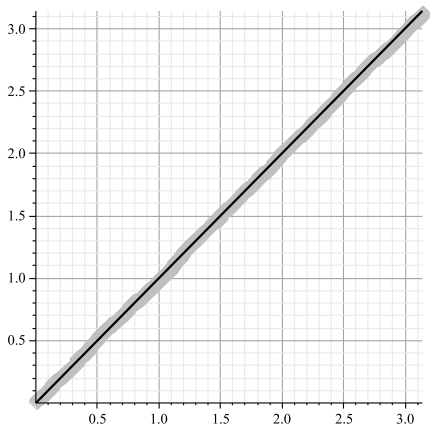
## Theorem

*The expected number of real roots of a random polynomial (coefficients i.i.d. Gaussians, with 0 mean and moderate variance) in the Bernstein basis, is*

$$\sqrt{2d} \pm \mathcal{O}(1)$$

## Random polynomials in the Bernstein basis

$d$	$\sqrt{2d}$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$(-\infty, -1)$	$(-1, 0)$	$(0, 1)$	$(1, \infty)$
100	14.142	13.640	0.760	2.740	6.530	3.610
150	17.321	16.540	0.890	3.260	8.090	4.300
200	20.000	19.740	1.100	3.780	9.740	5.120
250	22.361	21.400	1.350	3.970	10.610	5.470
300	24.495	24.320	1.270	4.760	12.300	5.990
350	26.458	26.540	1.620	5.100	13.400	6.420
400	28.284	27.980	1.490	5.430	14.080	6.980
450	30.000	29.460	1.620	5.890	14.970	6.980
500	31.623	31.200	1.830	5.960	15.620	7.790
550	33.166	32.740	1.770	6.360	16.290	8.320
600	34.641	34.300	1.850	6.570	17.270	8.610
650	36.056	35.480	2.050	6.840	17.240	9.350
700	37.417	37.200	2.160	7.510	18.650	8.880
750	38.730	38.180	2.190	7.300	19.360	9.330
800	40.000	39.160	2.220	7.830	19.490	9.620
850	41.231	40.420	2.130	8.010	20.320	9.960
900	42.426	41.780	2.390	8.070	20.530	10.790
950	43.589	42.680	2.200	8.330	21.570	10.580
1000	44.721	43.540	2.400	8.610	21.770	10.760



Function  $\arccos(2t - 1)$  of real roots in  $(0, 1)$ ,  
against uniform distribution in  $(0, \pi)$

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